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Dear Early Intervention Program Directors:

As you know, the past eight months have been spent in a community -wide process to review and revise the competency indicators upon which our process of Certification for Early Intervention Specialists (CEIS) is based.

This very positive and inclusive workgroup process has resulted in draft final recommendations of 51 newly worded competency indicators (from 69 previous indicators) in 8 competency areas (from 9 previous areas). There will be a later, separate process to review how these competency indicators will be demonstrated in the CEIS portfolio process.

I am attaching a document listing the new competency indicators and a form with which to provide commentary. The information will be used by the ICC in its review of the competency indicators, resulting in a final recommendation to DPH. Also attached are a copy of this letter on DPH letterhead and a form on which to provide public comment.

Please use a **separate** form for each competency indicator on which you would like to comment, and return to me either by email at Holly.Newman@state.ma.us, or by U.S. mail to the address above. **The public comment period closes September 19, 2008.**

I will be forwarding paper copies of these documents to your office. The DPH is soliciting commentary from all parts of our community, so please disseminate these materials via paper or electronically to any staff or families who may wish to comment on the competency indicators.

Thank you for your participation in this process.

Sincerely,

Holly A. Newman
Early Intervention CSPD Coordinator